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AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

On page 6, lines 5-6:

In one embodiment, messages between the VM and the physical system may be caught and monitored by a virtual ~~[[BIOS]]~~ basic input/output system (BIOS).

On page 7, lines 13-17:

For example, if a VM enters a state where it must accomplish a ~~[[task]]~~ task immediately, such as, for example, reporting system status or bringing up ~~[[a]]~~ another VM, the VM may be moved out of its normal position in the round-robin scheme and set to execute as quickly as possible in order to properly accomplish its task.